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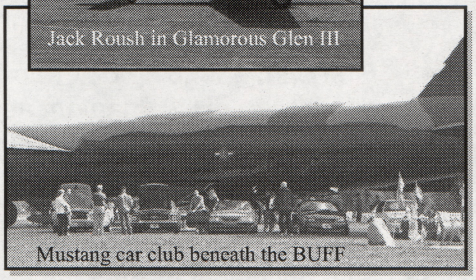
YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

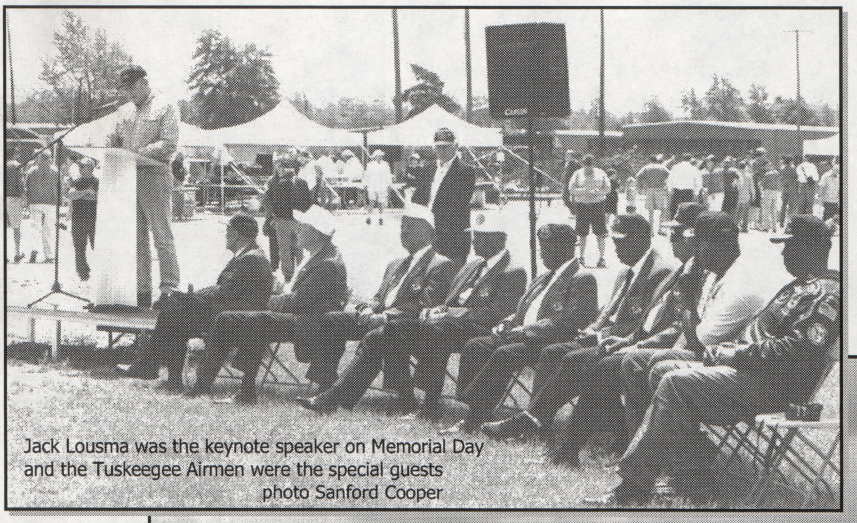
Hangar Happenin's

July 2005

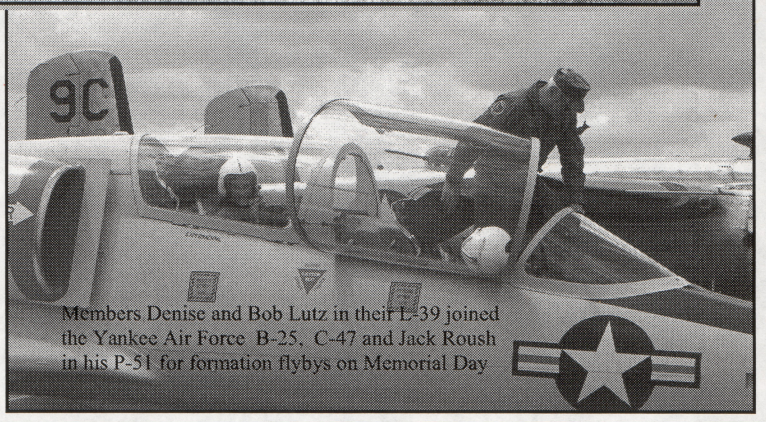
Jack Roush in Glamorous Glen III


Mustang car club beneath the BUFF

Memorial Day at Yankee Air Museum Air Park


Jack Lousma was the keynote speaker on Memorial Day and the Tuskeegee Airmen were the special guests
photo Sanford Cooper

Memorial Day visitors made good use of the new C-47 foldable stairs made by **Bob Pilz** (l), **Dick Sprague** (r) and **Ed Rice** (not available). The weather cleared by mid morning and Yankee had a very successful day financially and otherwise
photos Dave Steiner



Members Denise and Bob Lutz in their L-39 joined the Yankee Air Force B-25, C-47 and Jack Roush in his P-51 for formation flybys on Memorial Day

Selfridge show a big success

The weather was perfect May 21st, the first day of the show and there was plenty of interest in the Yankee B-17 and C-47, where they had a prime spot on the "static line". Our birds were pretty much the first and last planes most people saw on their way in and out. The weather thinned the crowds a bit on Sunday, but over the weekend Yankee took in about $8000 just on aircraft tours, donations, dog tags and retail. For more ***color*** images of Selfridge and Memorial Day visit Yankee member **Dwight Koslowski's** web site, www.fotki.com, enter "kos" in search box & click on kos.

Left - customers sometimes stood two or three deep at the retail tables photo Bob Weil

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MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members & Guests Welcome

Flyable Aircraft Meeting
2nd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
Everyone Welcome

Board Meeting
3rd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members Welcome

Staff Meeting
4th Saturday of Month - 10:30 AM
All Department Chairs & Managers

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YANKEE AIR FORCE BYLAWS ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The YAF is organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items.

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

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4 July 1942	First B-17 arrived in England
10 July 1965	First USAF Vietnam War victories: two F-4Cs down two MiG-17s
11 July 1955	First United States Air Force Academy class sworn in
17 July 1989	First flight of the B-2 Stealth Bomber
20 July 1969	Astronauts Armstrong and Aldrin make first walk on Earth's moon
21 July 1946	First carrier landing of jet-powered aircraft, an FH-1 Phantom aboard the *USS Franklin D. Roosevelt*
21 July 1961	Captain Virgil "Gus" Grissom first USAF astronaut in space
22 July 1933	First solo flight around the world completed in 7 days by Wiley Post in single-engine Lockheed Vega
27 July 1953	Fighting ends and truce signed in Korea

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At our June membership meeting
the 50/50 raffle was won by
Steven Guenther
Who donated his winnings to
the rebuilding fund
Steve also won a ticket to the Vietnam Symposium*!*

To contact Hangar Happenin's
E-mail: **hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org**
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EARLY DEADLINE FOR AUGUST ISSUE WAS JUNE 28TH
HURON VALLEY PRINTING CLOSED JULY 4TH WEEK

The Hangar 2 Report

DAVE STONOSKI

by ***Jon Stevens*** *L 4172 WR*

"Nam". As the single most polarizing event of the last 50 years, the word and the war mean different things to different people. For some, it means a long, senseless struggle that never accomplished anything good. Others will tell you that it connotes an attempt to do the right things, even though they were done badly, and were never really finished.

Regardless, a lot of us took the time to come to grips with those feelings, over the weekend of June 3rd-5th, when we sponsored the traveling *Wall That Heals*.

As part of our efforts through the Long Range Planning Committee to increase our community outreach and attendance, we intentionally wanted to start including more events geared towards both the *Baby Buster* (born 1930-1945) and *Baby Boomer* (born 1946-1964) generations, with a special emphasis on Vietnam vets.

When planning began for last year's *Vietnam Veteran's Recognition Day*, we looked at bringing the wall to the museum then. Unfortunately, due to scheduling commitments, we could not get "the wall" to Willow Run until this year.

The *Vietnam Veterans Memorial* was created by Congressional act in 1980, with some seemingly simple requirements, and one rather unique one. The design for the monument had to be reflective and contemplative, harmonious with the site, and couldn't make any political statements about the war itself.

But, unlike most other monuments, which may only make mention of a branch of service, or perhaps a military unit (66th Division, 13th Air Force, 2nd Marines, etc.), this one had to be inscribed with the names of *all* 58,000+ dead and missing veterans.

And like the war that inspired it, the design of then 21-year-old Maya Ying Lin (one of more than 1400 entries) was surrounded by controversy from day one.

Some were upset by the starkness of the design, and by the fact that it cuts into the ground, instead of rising above it. Others said that the design was meaningless.

Since its dedication in 1982, a flagpole, statues representing both the men and women who served in the war, as well as a plaque commemorating those who died later as a result of their service in Southeast Asia, have been added to the memorial site.

Regardless of one's opinion of the design, "the wall" has become a focal point of the National Mall in Washington, DC, and is visited by a steady stream of visitors on an almost daily basis. Some come to remember a loved one, others come to learn about the war, and still others come just to experience the impact of the monument itself.

Over the years, literally tons of mementos have been left behind, including letters, service medals, patches, flowers, and even teddy bears. All of these are cataloged, and made a part of the National Archives. The monument has a power that no other memorial in Washington possesses.

An 80% replica of the official memorial in Washington, D.C., the one we sponsored, travels around the country, is set up for three days at each stop, and is open around the clock to the public.

Unlike the official memorial, the traveling wall's shape is an upward slant (representing hope, perhaps?). But like the original, the 140 individual panels pull you both by their simplicity, and by what seems like an endless listing of names.

Part of the traveling wall exhibit is a data base that allows specific searches for information on each person listed, including their dates and places of birth and death, tours of duty, and on which panel the name appears.
Other items displayed include artifacts from both sides of the conflict, and for-sale artwork.

We were told that this was the first time that the wall had been placed in an airpark. Having the center point of the wall directly in front of the B-52 (with the Huey off to one side) made for an extremely moving experience.

As planning progressed for this year's event, we also looked at having a symposium, similar to what we do at *Thunder Over Michigan*, albeit on a smaller scale.

As one of the most colorful characters of the Vietnam era, triple ace Brigadier General **Robin Olds** (USAF Ret.) was contacted, and brought on board for the event. General Olds gave a brief talk, and answered questions about his USAF career, from WWII, to his retirement in 1973. While the attendance at the event was less than we had hoped, the enthusiasm was everything that we could have hoped for.

As I said at the beginning, *'Nam* represents different things to different people. The monument itself allows Americans of all ages to come together, and to share our thoughts and feelings about an era in our history that was both exciting and frightening.

Soviet Premier Josef Stalin is credited with saying that '*One death is a tragedy, but a million deaths is a statistic*'. The current 58,249 men and women listed on the monument will never be "just" statistics. From the perspective of this *Baby Boomer* who missed the draft by two short years, their individual deaths may have been tragic, but the sacrifices they made were nothing less than heroic.

As with all of our events, this one couldn't have taken place without the assistance of a lot of people. All of them deserve our thanks, but a few individuals in particular deserve mention.

On behalf of the museum and our guests, I'd like to especially thank **Randy Hotton** for originally planning the event, **Bob Paul** and **Dick Rice** for working with the different veterans groups who joined with us on the event, **Robert Campbell**, **Gayle Roberts** and **Dick Stewart** for coordinating our efforts with Willow Run Airport, *Vietnam Veterans of America* Post 528 for hosting and manning the memorial all weekend, and *Belleville Greenhouses and Nursery* for donating the landscaping.

As always, if you've got anything you'd like to discuss, please feel free to call me
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or e-mail
jon_stevens_77@worldnet.att.net

UNTIL NEXT MONTH, LET'S KEEP TALKING, AND KEEP 'EM FLYING!

BOARD REPORT

18 May 2005
by **Dave Steiner**
edited by **Dick Stewart**

AGENDA

Call to Order 7:30 PM
Pledge of Allegiance
State of Purpose
Roll Call
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes: 20th April
Board Member's election
Lapeer Discussion
YAM Audit Discussion
Executive Director Discussion
Insurance Discussion
President's Report
Divisional Liaison Reports
Vice President's Report
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Board Members' Comments
All Members' Comments
Adjournment

Board Member Election

Bob Campbell was chosen by the board from a strong field of candidates to fill out the term of resigned board member Andrew Robinson. **Ted Drews, Mike Luther** and **Erwin Stirnweiss** were the other very capable candidates and the decision wasn't easy. Self nomination forms for the fall election are on page five of this newsletter. The election includes four board seats and the offices of president and vice president.

YAM audit funds authorized

The finance committee budgeted funds for an audit in 2005 and Treasurer **Les Klima** was authorized to spend up to $20K to retain a CPA firm to perform an audit. It will be the first one Yankee has ever had and the finance committee has been working very hard to get the books in order. A favorable audit report is a crucial step in demonstrating our ability to manage a $1.3 million budget according to generally accepted accounting principles. The Michigan Aerospace Foundation says it must have a certified audit to enable it to approach big dollar donators and foundations.

Executive Director

Randy Hotton, chair of the ED search committee reported that the committee has had discussions with some executive directors of local non profits to help find out what the position might involve when Yankee eventually hires such a person. Paid staff to help professionally run and manage the museum is a key item that donors and granters consider when writing checks to 501 (c)(3) corporations such as Yankee.

Insurance for artifacts and static aircraft

Secretary **Mary Jane Medlock** reported that a $500,000 insurance policy with a $5,000 deductible to cover the existing static aircraft and the artifacts the museum is now collecting will cost about $5K per year. The policy amount represents a best estimate as to the sum of what the aircraft on loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force, the non-flyable Yankee aircraft and the artifacts that have been donated after the fire are worth. As the collection grows, the policy my have to be adjusted. The NMUSAF will be the named direct beneficiary on the items on loan from its collection, per the terms of the agreement.

Division News

Saginaw Valley Dawn patrol July 16th. **Ray Hunter**, liaison for the Saginaw Valley division reported that they have requested an aircraft for their pancake breakfast event July 16th.

Florida liaison **Kevin Walsh**, isn't out of a job yet, but Florida is proceeding with their plan (and our blessing) to separate from Yankee Air Museum. They can 't use Yankee in their new title and there are several names they are considering. The speed at which they can achieve 501 (c) (3) status will determine when the assets/artifacts they have can be transferred to them. Yankee HQ is not interested in any of those items and none were loaned to the Florida division. However they technically belong to the Willow Run division and Yankee bylaws require corporation assets be given to a similar aviation entity if they are no longer wanted or if the museum ceases to exist.

Vice President's report

Dick Stewart has asked for more retail space and we have been allotted bay 4 and some of bay 3 in hangar 2 for aircraft. Yankee has also been given five more offices upstairs. Approximately 100 items were recovered from the old Hangar site, including a box of uniforms that was barely singed.

Board and officers election

Self nomination forms for those wishing to run for Yankee elected positions this fall are available from election chair, **Al Scotford**.
zekezzypt@netscape.net
(313) 386-2094, or fill out or copy the form at right or call the Yankee desk (734) 483-4030 and leave a message for Al to call you.

YANKEE AIR FORCE, INC.-SELF NOMINATING FORM -2005

Please print

Name on ballot: _____ Member No. _____

Address: _____ *Membership Category: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT I AM A CANDIDATE FOR THE HEADQUARTERS OFFICE OF:

_____

*A candidate must be a General, Life, or Senior Life member in good standing.

The office of President or Vice-President requires the candidate to have held a Board position for TWO calendar years prior to taking office. A Board member/Director must have been a General, Life or Senior Life member for THREE consecutive years prior to applying for the position.

YAF ACTIVITIES

Past or present offices held: _____

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Committee service: _____

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Activities participation: _____

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Other interests: _____

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YOUR GOALS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE YANKEE AIR FORCE: (Limited to this section only)

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SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

One set of voter mailing labels can be purchased from the Membership Office. Candidate photos may be included at a later date.

THIS NOMINATING FORM MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE YAF ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

NO LATER THAN 9:00 A.M. ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2005.

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED ANY LATER THAN THIS TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

MAIL TO: YAF
ELECTION COMMITTEE
P O BOX 590
BELLEVILLE MI 48112-0590

Ballots can also be hand delivered to the LOCKED BALLOT BOX in the Willow Run Division, Hangar 2, Reception Area

2005 YANKEE AIR FORCE AIRSHOW SCHEDULE

As of May 31st 2005
per **Todd Hackbarth**

2005 YANKEE AIR FORCE AIRSHOW SCHEDULE

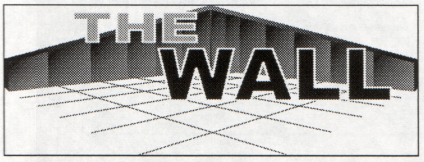
B-17!	B-25!		Jly 01-03	Airport Open House/Static dsp -FLEX	Richmond, IN
B-17!	B-25!		Jly 04	Ypsi 4th of July Parade Flyby 11:00	Ypsilanti, MI
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jly 08-10	U.S. Aviation Mus Airshow(LNN)-FLEX	Willoughby,OH
		C-47?	Jly 12	YAF member trip to Wings of Eagles	Elmira, NY
		C-47?	Jly 19	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfield,OH
	B-25!		Jly 20-24	aircraft static display -FLEX	Charlevoix, MI
B-17!			Jly 22-25	Air Expo 2005 - Wings / North -FLEX	EdenPrairie,MN
		C-47!	Jly 24	Cranbrook Flyby - car show 11:30	BloomfldHls,MI
		C-47?	Jly 26	YAF member trip to Mackinac Island	Mackinac, MI
B-17!			Jly 28-31	EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2005	Oshkosh, WI
		C-47?	Aug 02	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfield,OH
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Aug 06-07	"Thunder Over Michigan" Airshow-FLEX	Willow Run, MI
B-17!			Aug 07	Cranbrook / Pontiac Flybys 11:30	BloomfldHls,MI
B-17!			Aug 13	Wurtsmith Div Static Display -FLEX	Oscoda, MI
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Aug 14	Pontiac Airport Open House -FLEX	Waterford, MI
		C-47?	Aug 16-17	YAF member trip to NASM Museums	Dulles, VA
B-17!		C-47!	Aug 19-21	EAA Chapter 55 Static Display -FLEX	Mason, MI
		C-47?	Aug 23	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfield,OH
B-17!			Aug 26-28	Indianapolis Airshow 2005 BA	Mt Comfort, IN
		C-47?	Aug 30	member trip to new Kalamazoo Air Zoo	Kalamazoo, MI
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Sep 02-05	Cleveland National Airshow TB	Cleveland, OH
		C-47?	Sep 07	YAF member trip to Sault Ste Marie	Slt ste Marie,MI
B-17!			Sep 09-11	Airport Static display - (VNW)-FLEX	Van Wert, OH
		C-47!	Sep 13	YAF member trip to Mackinac Island	Mackinac, MI
B-17!			Sep 16-19	NJ Aviation Hall of Fame dsply-FLEX	Teterboro, NJ
		C-47?	Sep 20	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfield,OH
	B-25?		Oct 08-09	Fall Color Tour Flights	Willow Run, MI
	B-25?		Oct 15-16	Fall Color Tour Flights	Willow Run, MI
	B-25?		Oct 22-23	Fall Color Tour Flights	Willow Run, MI

! Confirmed **?** Undetermined **FLEX** Flight Experiences **BA** US Navy *Blue Angels* **TB** US Air Force *Thunderbirds*

To participate as part of the crew at an airshow is a privilege, not an entitlement of Yankee Air Museum membership. There are only so many aircraft seats available depending on the number required for a crew. Crew members are chosen for the good of Yankee Air Museum and for the particular aircraft scheduled. Obviously, not everyone can go at the same time.

The ***2005 Airshow Crew Sign-Up Request*** forms are available in the Yankee office at Hangar 2. Completed request forms must be returned to **Dale Worcester**. Please do not request an airshow that has not yet been confirmed (**!** = confirmed, as indicated in the latest schedule above).

Dale Worcester
Airshow Aircrew Coordinator



Some statistics about
THE WALL

80% scale
370 feet long
8 feet tall at apex

The Landscaping
17,000 lbs of block
120 yards of cedar mulch
(6) 12 foot tall Norway Maples
(4) Whisky barrel tubs
specially planted just
for the event

(40) 12 flower pots

HELP REBUILD OUR MUSEUM AND KEEP OUR PLANES FLYING

CIRCLE THE PRICE OF THE ITEM THAT YOU WANT TO ORDER

Round emblem is 4 inches in diameter and is embroidered on the left chest. Wing emblem measures 4 by 10 inches and is embroidered on the back. To see the designs in color go to *yankeeairmuseum.org* and click on *Yankee Store*.

EMBROIDERED NEW HANGAR FUND DONATION JACKET **$139.00** **$147.34 Michigan residents**
Black lightweight jacket is ideal to wear during the spring or fall. Three pockets are provided as well as adjustable cuffs. An elasticized waistband ensures a snug fit. Five bright colors are embroidered on the front and back.

EMBROIDERED NEW HANGAR FUND DONATION SWEATSHIRT **$69.00** **$73.14 Michigan residents**
Black heavyweight sweatshirt has long sleeves and crew neck. Embroidered on the front and back.

EMBROIDERED DENIM SHIRT **$42.00** **$44.52 Michigan residents**
Can be ordered with long or short sleeves. 100% cotton with button down collar and single pocket. You select the logo that you want embroidered on the left front chest.

EMBROIDERED POLO SHIRT **$29.00** **$30.74 Michigan residents**
100% cotton shirt has knit collar, single pocket and wood-tone buttons. You select the logo that you want embroidered on the left chest. Can be ordered in red or navy blue.

EMBROIDERED LIGHTWEIGHT JACKET **$89.00** **$94.34 Michigan residents**
Microfiber jacket has two pockets on the outside and one inside. Sleeves can be adjusted with snaps and the waistband is elasticized. You decide which logo you want embroidered on the left chest. Can be ordered in tan or navy blue.

EMBROIDERED MEMBER HAT **$25.00** **$26.50 Michigan residents**
Our navy blue baseball style cap is a great way to show your pride in being a member. Can be adjusted to any size. *Yankee Air Force* and *Member* are embroidered on the front.

EMBROIDERED B-17 AND B-25 FLIGHT EXPERIENCE HATS **$25.00** **$26.50 Michigan residents**
Baseball style caps are embroidered with the designs shown below. The words *Flight Experience* are embroidered on the left side of both hats. Metal clasp allows size adjustment. B-17 hat is navy blue and the B-25 hat is olive green.

FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW

CIRCLE the design that you want embroidered on your shirt or lightweight jacket:

CIRCLE the size of shirt or jacket you want to order: Men's Medium Men's Large Men's XL Men's 2XL

CIRCLE the polo shirt color you want: Red or Navy Blue **CIRCLE the lightweight jacket color :** Tan or Navy Blue

CIRCLE the denim shirt sleeve length: Long Sleeve or Short Sleeve **CIRCLE** B-17 hat or B-25 hat

Please make your check payable to: **YANKEE AIR MUSUEM.** If you have questions about your order, call (248) 474-1000 or e-mail amersilk2@aol.com. Allow 3 to 4 weeks for free delivery.

Name _____

Address _____

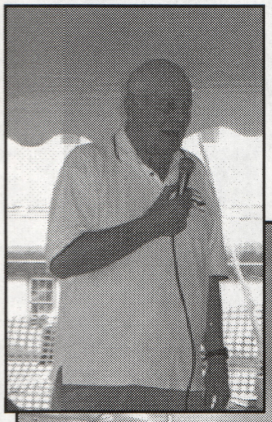
City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone _____ **Best time to call** _____

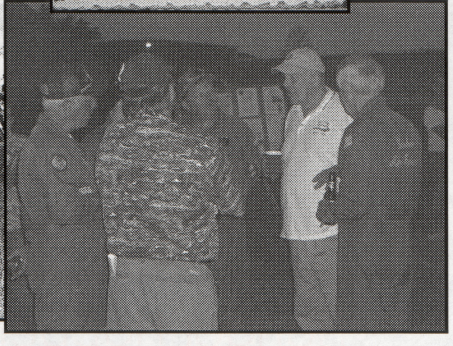
Mail this order form to:

MAIL ORDER OFFER
YANKEE AIR MUSEUM STORE
P.O. BOX 590
BELLEVILLE, MI 48112-0590

VIETNAM SYMPOSIUM



General Olds was a very entertaining speaker . The food by Elite Catering was excellent.



Missing man table - very well done by **Mary Ann Bittner**, honoring those who did not return

Left - The flying stories went on well into the evening

Make your **AIR GOONEY 2005** reservations now! Fly away in our classic **C-47 SKYTRAIN** troop transport!

DATE	DESTINATION

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CONTACT STREET ADDRESS: CITY STATE ZIP

HOW MANY SEATS ?	x COST PER SEAT	= TOTAL ENCLOSED	PERSONAL CHECK #	AMERICAN EXPRESS ☐ DISCOVER ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ VISA ☐	NAME ON CARD

E-MAIL	CREDIT CARD #	EXP DATE

ALL TRIPS ARE FOR MEMBERS ONLY - JOIN TODAY!

Russ Banush has been to the Wings of Eagles Museum in New York and highly recommends that you sign up and join him for this first time Yankee excursion. Rides are available in some of their airplanes, including an AT-6. See the web site for more information.

One form per trip, please!
Complete, clip/copy and mail to:

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM
C-47 DAY TRIP
P O BOX 590
BELLEVILLE MI 48112-0590

At least **ten seats must be sold three weeks prior to a flight** or it will be cancelled.
Allow ten days when mailing a personal check with your reservation. Prices subject to change without notice.
Price listed includes the cost of your flight and lodging, not museum entrance, food, or ground transportation.
Yankee Air Museum reserves the right to cancel any excursion at any time and refund participants the full amount paid. Refunds will not be granted except for trips cancelled by Yankee Air Museum.
Call **Neoma** & **Jack (313) 274-8655** or **(313) 282-5312** (11AM-6PM). E-mail **strattonmich@msn.com**.

Tuesday	July	12	Elmira NY	Wings of Eagles Museum	$220
Tuesday	July	19	Dayton OH	NMUSAF	$110
Tuesday	July	26	Mackinac Island MI	*You can take your golf clubs or your bike!*	**SOLD OUT**
Tuesday	August	2	Dayton OH	NMUSAF	$110
Tues/Wed *OVERNIGHT*	August	16-17	Washington DC	Udvar-Hazy Center + National Air & Space Museum	**SOLD OUT**
Tuesday	August	23	Dayton OH	NMUSAF	$110
Tuesday	August	30	Kalamazoo MI	Kalamazoo Air Zoo	$ 75
Wednesday **NEW**	Sept	7	Sault Ste. Marie MI	Soo Locks	$195
Tuesday	Sept	13	Mackinac Island MI	*Take your camera to catch the fall colors!*	**SOLD OUT**
Thursday **NEW**	Sept	15	Mackinac Island MI	*You can take your golf clubs or your bike!*	$165
Tuesday	Sept	20	Dayton OH	NMUSAF	$110
Tuesday **NEW**	Sept	27	Kalamazoo MI	Kalamazoo Air Zoo	$ 75

NEW SEPT AIR ZOO TRIP AND FIRST GOONEY FLIGHT TO THE SOO!

For more information about our destinations, check their websites!
Dayton www.wpafb.af.mil/museum **Elmira** www.warplane.org
Mackinac Island www.mackinacisland.org **Dulles/DC** www.nasm.si.edu/museum/udvarhazy
Air Zoo www.airzoo.org **Soo Locks** www.exploringthenorth.com/soo/locks
Find your destination airport at www.airnav.com

Hanging out at *Hangar Happenin's* by Dave Steiner

I'd rather be flying or golfing, but doing the newsletter is a challenge and really a lot of fun too.

cal. With recent updates in the computer department, we are getting closer to putting HH online in PDF format so it could be posted on the Yankee web site. Even when that procedure is implemented those of you who have internet access should check the Yankee web site (as you should now) at least once a week for the latest on what's happening at Yankee. The Yankee computer guru's have some great things ready to come online. HH will report more on those as they are activated.

One of the most gratifying aspects of HH is the feedback and articles we get from Yankee members. We certainly appreciate and try to respond to your comments, good or bad. All articles and pictures that are turned in are very welcome, and even though they may not be published right away (see deadline day below) we certainly do our best to get as many into HH as possible. Images may be submitted electronically

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me know. The wonders of electronic word processing and email allow opportunities to contribute from home, even if you are a distance away. The ability to do some writing, proof reading, editing and layout (or learn how) are traits you'll need. HH is produced with Microsoft Publisher which is a very basic desktop publishing program, easy to get used to and more than adequate for the black and white format of HH. If I can learn it, anyone can. There are plenty of opportunities to be creative when it comes to layout. Of course that usually has to be done at the hangar. HH is produced out of a small office (we hope to get a larger one if the airport gods allow) in hangar 2 near where other Yankee volunteers have fun and hang out. In May we were upgraded to a new cpu that is much faster, and has speakers so we can listed to music while we work. We also work off a large 20 inch color monitor which makes life easier. **Tim Nickell, Phil Kennedy,** and **Bill Colwell**, the Yankee computer brain trust, take great care of us.

Getting HH out is a big task, but the HH staff will always do our best to get it to you on time. We wish more timely reports could be given on occasion, but as with any monthly publication, the news isn't always the most recent due to lead times for printing and mailing. Publishing and mailing more than once a month just would not be economi-

means that they should have first been submitted to HH the first of April (to be in the May issue). More than two months ahead is when to start publicizing an event, not start planning it! Please don't make a lack of planning an emergency for the HH staff!

We are going to get a new masthead before we print the next batch of newsletter paper sometime this fall. So if you would like to submit a design for the "new" HH cover and back page, please do so.

Finally thanks to the people at **Huron Valley Printing and Imaging** who do a great job dealing with computer desktop amateurs and printing and mailing the Yankee Air Museum newsletter, YOUR ***Hangar Happenin's***. Enjoy.

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Next time: Brian Higgins
Marketing Department

WWII Aviation Symposium

Maj. Gen. Richard Bodycombe	USAF (Ret)	B-24 Liberator pilot USAAF 15th Air Force 465th Bomb Group 782nd Bomb Squadron 19 combat missions crash landed on the island of Vis, Yugoslavia
Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson	USAF (Ret)	P-51 Mustang pilot USAAF 15th Air Force 332nd Fighter Group "Tuskegee Airmen" 18.5 combat missions shot down 12 Aug 1943 France became POW
1st Lt. Robert J. Shoens	USAAF	B-17 Flying Fortress Pilot USAAF 8th Air Force 100th Bomb Group 351st Bomb Squadron 28 combat missions B-17G 42-31767 "EP E" "Our Gal Sal"
1st Lt. John A. Clark	USAAF	B-17 Flying Fortress Copilot USAAF 8th Air Force 100th Bomb Group 418th Bomb Squadron 32 combat missions

The symposium will be held in the ***MARLIN AIR*** hangar on the east side of Willow Run Airport. The ***Marlin*** hangar is approximately 1000 ft directly south of the old Hangar, ***there will be not access from the ramp!*** To get to the symposium it will be necessary to exit the ramp, go south on Third St. or along the line of buildings and enter Marlin Air from the east side. Due to the size of the facility, we are limited to 400 guests, designated seating, first sold, first seated. The earlier tickets are purchased, the closer to the stage you will sit*! Ask Mike about purchasing an entire table.*

Saturday evening August 6th
5:30pm.
Your ticket also admits you to the air display BOTH days

Collings Foundation B-24, the type of plane built at Willow Run, will be at Thunder 2005

THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN

Sat Aug 6
Sun Aug 7
2005
Willow Run

MAIN | AIRCRAFT | PHOTO TOUR | WWII SYMPOSIUM | DIRECTIONS

Advanced Tickets

$12	(16+)
$8	(7 - 15)

Now available from Star Tickets Plus.

Gate Admission

$15	(16+)
$10	(7 - 15)
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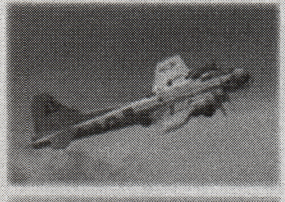
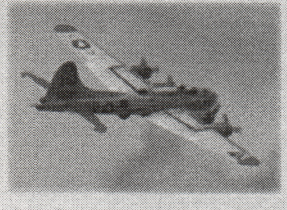
Show Hours

Saturday	9am - 4pm
Sunday	9am - 4pm





Sat Aug 6 / Sun Aug 7 - The Main Event

(7) B-17 Fortress heavy bombers
(2) B-24 Liberator heavy bombers
(1) and only flying B-29 Superfortress "FIFI"
More than 60 warbirds! Don't miss it!

75,000+ HP on the ramp! Experience the Prop Wash!

Advance Ticket Sales

starticketsplus
Order Online: www.starticketplus.com

Tickets also available in person at participating Michigan Meijer locations
NO tickets available at Yankee Air Museum.

Fri Aug 5 - Arrival Day Admission

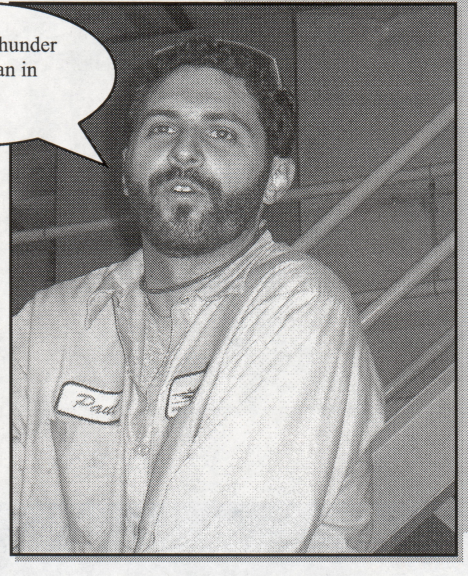
Be one of the first to see some of this years aircraft participants as they arrive at Willow Run Airport in preparation for the weekend events.

Plenty of flybys to see on arrival day!

See the B-17's and other aircraft take off for their media flights. View the aircraft as they make their orientation/practice flights for the weekend events.

Only $10 per person
(no discounts or advance purchases)

Gates open from 9am-4pm
Absolutely NO admittance to the ramp!
No rainchecks. No exceptions.



Paul's a mechanic at Basler turbo conversions in Oshkosh. He takes the week off and attends "Thunder" every year. Says it is better than the show in Oshkosh!

Gooney cargo run to OSH

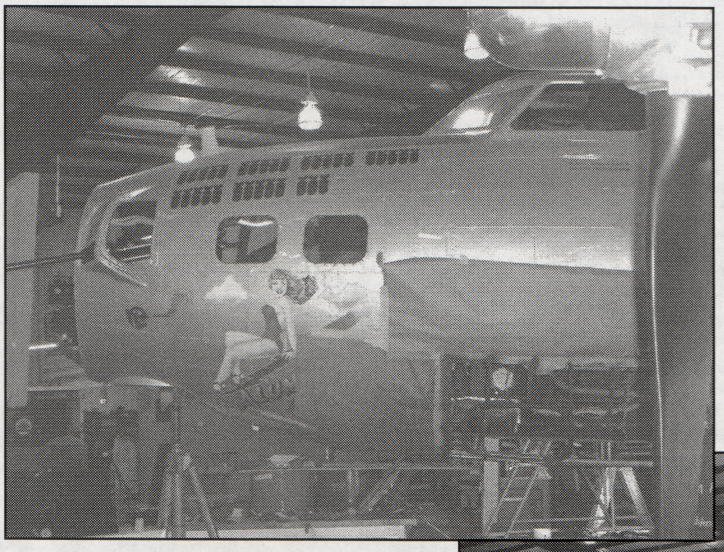
Story and photos by Dave Steiner

The May 19th C-47 trip to Oshkosh to pick up parts for it and the Yankee B-17 was IFR nearly all the way both directions, but we saw plenty on the ground.

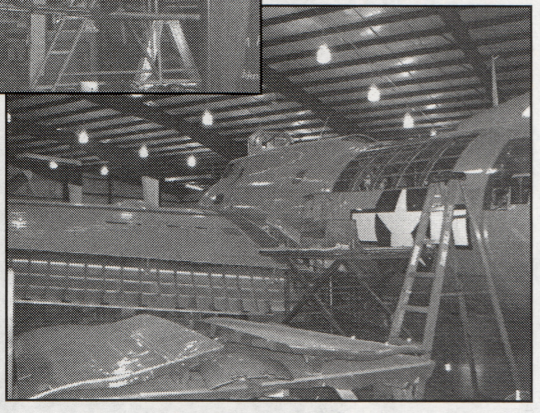
First stop was the EAA Kermit Weeks restoration hangar, where we were able to stick our heads into places in a B-17 most people will never see. *Aluminum Overcast* is being refurbished after the landing gear collapse incident in California last year. The ship suffered extensive damage, but it is a tribute to the ruggedness of the "Fort" that it could be flown back to Oshkosh with a special ferry permit for further work to make it fully airworthy again.

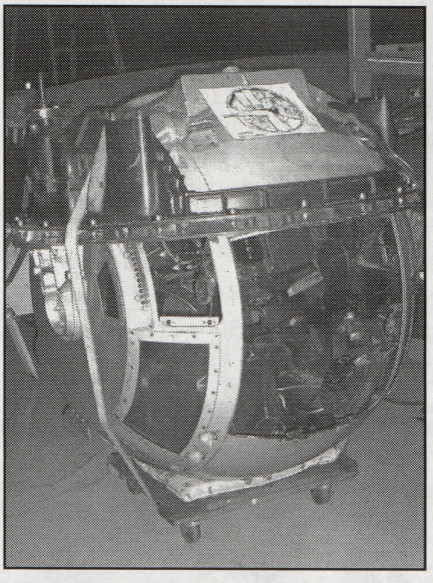
Next stop was the EAA Air Venture Museum, where we spent about three hours, but where any aviation buff could easily spend a week, or a lifetime.

Finally pilots **Randy Hotton** and **Ray Hunter** taxied us over to the Basler turbo conversion hangar where they turn C-47's into BT-6's, turbine versions of the old bird that they expect will fly another 60 years or more! While there we gave tours of our round engine model to members of the Policia Nacional of Columbia, and some USAF Special Ops pilots who were training them.



Aluminum Overcast suffered extensive damage, but will be airworthy again. The front entry door area had to be entirely rebuilt as the RDF pushed all the structure up when it took the impact



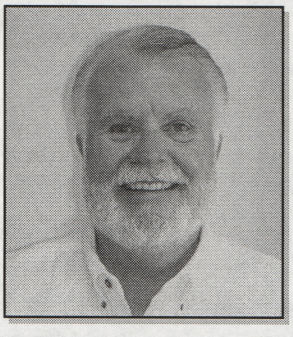


The 700 lb ball turret was barely scratched and not even dented by the impact, but its supporting structure was pushed up through the top of the fuselage, causing extensive damage to the waist area.

Don and Yvonne Harner Memorial Scholarship Award

The Yankee Air Force Don and Yvonne Harner Memorial Scholarship had two winners this year. Jocelyn Sielski and Michael McCrary both carried more than 4.0 GPA's at Belleville High School and graduated second and third respectively in their class. The awards were presented by Education Coordinator **Bette Watson** at the June Yankee membership meeting. Jocelyn will study aerospace engineering in Florida, Michael will pursue a computer science degree at the University of Michigan.

WANT SOMETHING TO DO ... BUT DON'T KNOW WHAT?
NEED SOMETHING DONE ... BUT DON'T KNOW WHO?



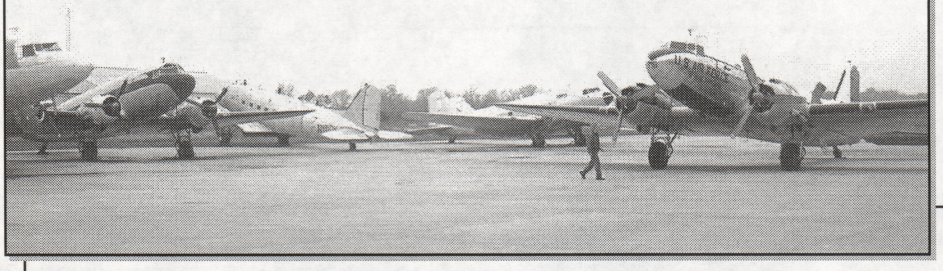
Don Brackett is our Volunteer Coordinator.
Contact Don to see how your unique talents and skills can help Yankee Air Museum rebuild, grow and succeed!

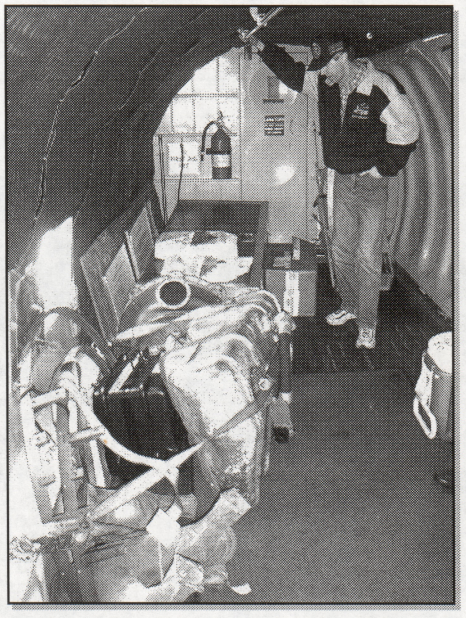
(248) 425-2855
donb-38@sbcglobal.net

If you have a job to be done, Don suggests that you write up a brief description of what you need done, when, how long it might take, and any special skills that might be required.

Don will match a volunteer to the job!

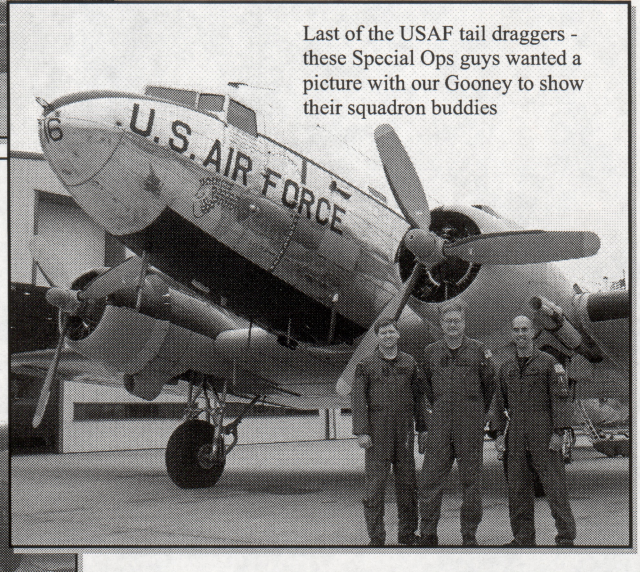
While we picked up a spare oil tank and other parts (observed by **Rich Steiner** right) at Basler, our Yankee Doodle Dandy held court with some old friends on the ramp below, awaiting new lives as turbine models





A beautiful bird, but the engines are the wrong shape!

Last of the USAF tail draggers - these Special Ops guys wanted a picture with our Gooney to show their squadron buddies

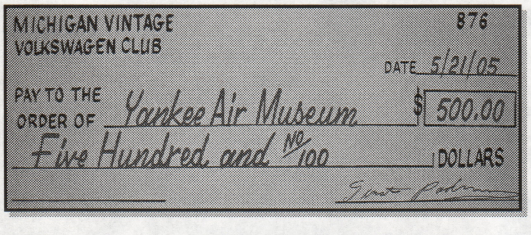


The Columbians were very impressed with our vintage USAF Gooney

BIG SCREEN TV NEEDED

The Events Planning Committee is seeking the donation of, or a really good deal on a 60" projection TV that can be used for the Yankee movie nights returning this fall and winter. If you know where we might get one, please contact Randy Hotton or Dave Steiner by calling the Yankee desk (734) 483-4030 and leaving your name and number.

YANKEE MOVIE NIGHTS RETURN IN OCTOBER!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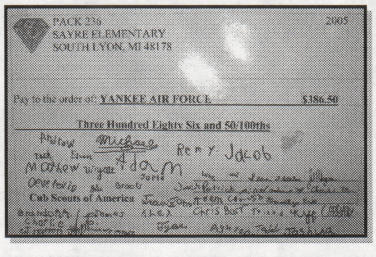
Five Hundred and No/100 DOLLARS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Three Hundred Eighty Six and 50/100ths

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Thanks to the Michigan Vintage VW club and Cub Scout Pack 236 for these checks!

THE WALL

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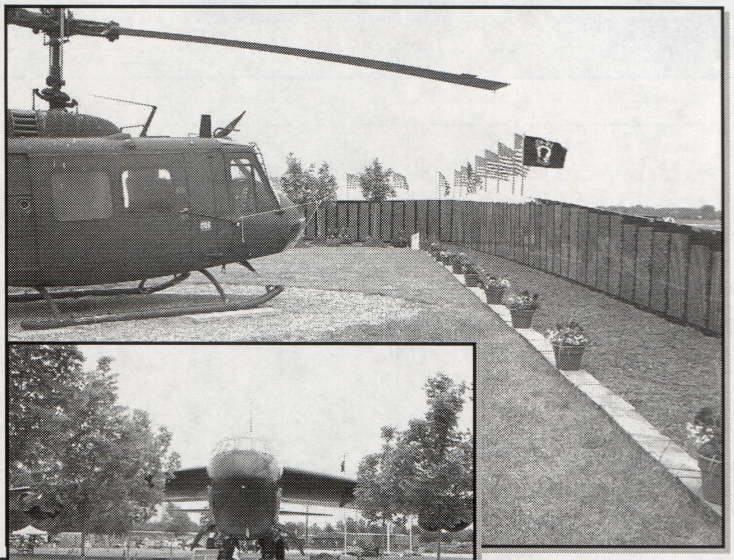
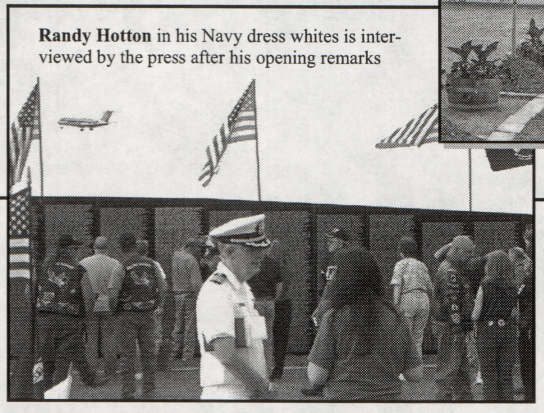
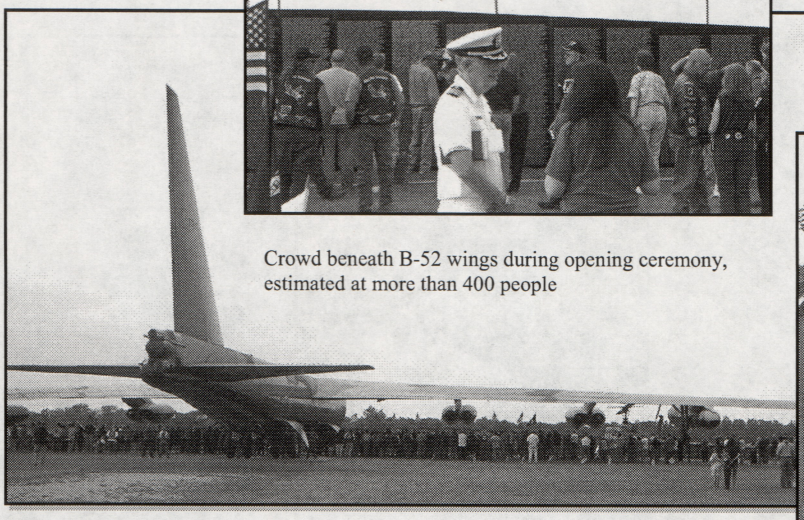


For ***color*** images of the WALL visit Yankee member **Dwight Koslowski's** web site, www.fotki.com, type **KOS** in search box then click on KOS

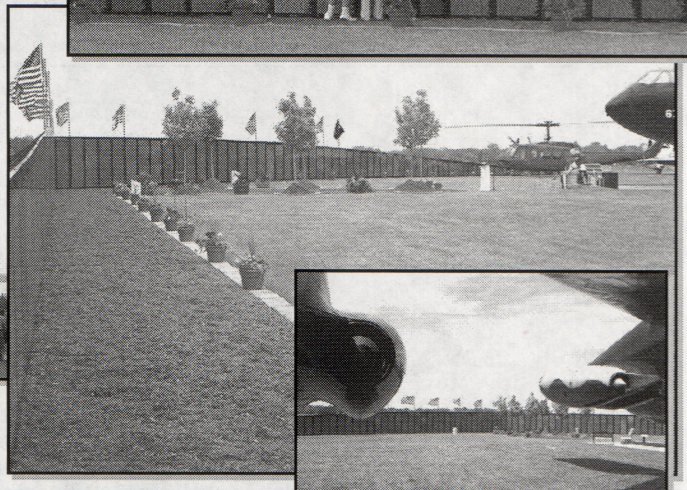


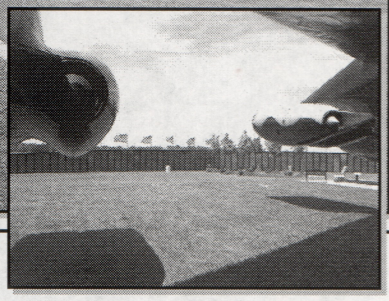
Randy Hotton in his Navy dress whites is interviewed by the press after his opening remarks

Some visitors made rubbings

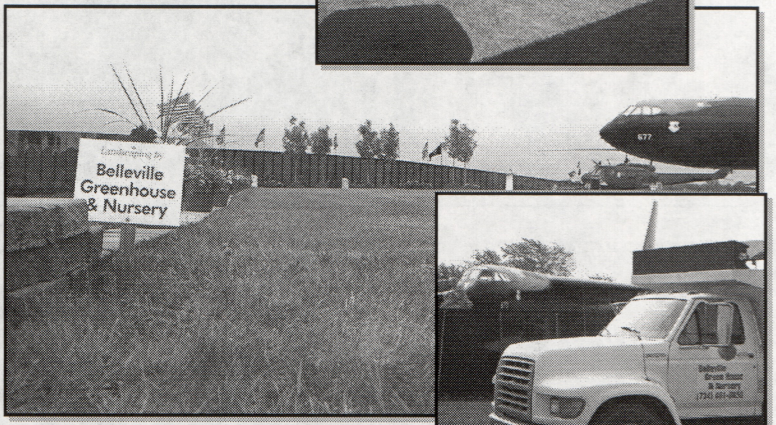


Crowd beneath B-52 wings during opening ceremony, estimated at more than 400 people





The Huey stands guard



We cannot thank Jim Ackron and crew enough
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East side of Willow Run Airport
at Beck & Ecorse Roads

HANGAR
Southwest side of Willow Run Airport
in Hangar 2

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JULY

Monday July 4th	**LOOK UP!** B-17 and B-25 flyovers at Ypsilanti parade 11am !
2nd, 3rd, 4th Tues.	Yankee Member ***Air Gooney*** excursion - see page 8
Monday-Sunday	NEW DAYS! *(Not Tuesday-Monday as years past)*
July 25th-July 31st	EAA *AirVenture* 2005 Oshkosh, Wisconsin

AUGUST

1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Tues.	Yankee Member ***Air Gooney*** excursion - see page 8
Saturday-Sunday August 6th-7th	***Thunder Over Michigan*** *60th Anniversary of the End of World War II* Ticket and other information on pages 10 & 11 Checks for symposium tickets which include both days of the Air Display must be received by July 27th to have tickets returned via mail. After that tickets, if available, must either be picked up at hangar 2 or will be held at the door. Air Display only tickets are available online (link thru Yankee web site) or at participating Michigan Meijer stores. NO tickets sold at Yankee H-2.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday September 7th	First Yankee Member ***Air Gooney*** flight to the Soo Locks - see page 8
Wednesday September 7th	Yankee ***GOLF WAR*** scramble fundraiser Details on back page. Get your entry in by Aug 10th to be eligible for the B-17 ride door prize drawing (and save $10 on your entry fee) Non members welcomed and encouraged!
2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesdays	Yankee Member ***Air Gooney*** excursions - see page 8
Sept TBA	Volunteer appreciation day

OCTOBER

Saturday October 15th	YANKEE movie nights resume! ***A Bridge Too Far*** Featuring the Yankee Doodle Dandy C-47 Skytrain "Gooney Bird" STAND UP!....HOOK UP!

PLEASE PHONE FOR DETAILS **(734) 483-4030**. WATCH FOR UPDATES AT **www.yankeeairmuseum.org**.

YANKEE AIR FORCE

GOLF WAR

18 HOLE SCRAMBLE & FUND RAISER

Have fun and raise money for the

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

SEPT. 7TH WEDNESDAY

10 AM - SHOTGUN START

You needn't be a great golfer, just *Plane* crazy! Non-members encouraged and welcomed!

$50 entry fee per person covers 18 holes scramble (best ball) golf w/ cart (seniors 60+ only $45) **
Entry into door prize drawings and hole events

Lunch at the turn underwritten and YAF GOLF WAR 2005 balls provided by FEIGLEY BUICK

Enter by Aug 10th to be included in the B-17 Bomber Ride drawing that will be held as part of this event

**** [*entry fee increases to $60 & $55 after Aug 10*]**

Information:(734) 483-4030 or (734) 645-1150

Send your check to: YAF GOLF WAR, PO Box 590, Belleville, MI 48112-0590

Pine View Golf Course, Stony Creek Rd @ Textile, south of Ypsilanti,
take I-94 to Huron St., exit 183 south, phone (734) 481-0500, formerly McEnnon Airfield! www.pineviewgc.com

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